



Air Quality and Agricultural Burning in Southern Idaho

Crop Residue Disposal

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www.deq.idaho.gov/air/prog_issues.cfm

Idaho State Department of Agriculture

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Idaho's Crop Residue Disposal Rules

www2.state.id.us/adm/adminrules/rules/idapa02/0616.pdf

Crop Residue Disposal Program and Forms

www.agri.idaho.gov/Categories/Environment/Smoke/indexsmoke.php

Crop residue disposal

Agricultural burning is used to remove crop residue, control disease, weeds and pests, and reduce the need for herbicides and pesticides.

Under Idaho's air quality rules (IDAPA 58.01.01.600), crop residue burning is legal only if it is conducted in accordance with Idaho's Crop Residue Disposal Rules (IDAPA 02.06.16).

What are the rules?

Idaho's Crop Residue Disposal Rules apply statewide and include requirements to:

- Register with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) annually using the ISDA Crop Residue Disposal Form (www.agri.idaho.gov).
- Contact ISDA prior to the planned burn day to request permission to burn and identify the field(s) and number of acres to be burned.
- Verify that burning is allowed by checking with ISDA at (866) 224-2456 on the scheduled burn day. Burning may be prohibited on any day due to weather or air quality conditions.
- Obtain all other applicable permits from fire departments, Idaho Department of Lands, Bureau of Land Management, or other authorities.
- Attend trainings offered by ISDA.

Agricultural burning is prohibited on weekends and holidays.

Oversight and enforcement

These rules are designed to protect public health and air quality. Management and oversight of agricultural burning is a multi-agency effort.

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is responsible for protecting public health against the adverse impacts of air pollution. DEQ closely monitors the levels of pollutants in the air and works cooperatively with ISDA, agricultural industry representatives, and growers to minimize the health impacts of smoke from agricultural burning. Before you strike the match it is important to know that agricultural burners who do not follow Idaho's Crop Residue Disposal Rules are subject to enforcement actions by DEQ.

Responsibility for managing the Crop Residue Disposal Program is held by ISDA. ISDA oversees the field registration process, determines whether daily meteorological and air quality conditions are conducive to crop residue burning, and trains burners in proper crop disposal techniques.

Crop residue disposal is an important agricultural tool. Use it wisely and safely, and follow the rules.

Questions?

Contact your local DEQ regional office or ISDA's Grower Registration Hotline at (866) 224-2456.

